

# ANNUAL EXPENDITURES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM

(FY2008 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 123 of 2007)

December 1, 2007

**Section 851:** The department shall provide a report annually to the house of representatives and senate appropriations subcommittees on community health, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on the expenditures and activities undertaken by the lead abatement program. The report shall include, but is not limited to, a funding allocation schedule, expenditures by category of expenditure and by subcontractor, revenues received, description of program elements, and description of program accomplishments and progress.

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# Michigan Department of Community Health, Healthy Homes Section Legislative Report

**Reporting Period: October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007**

**Report Addressing: Section 851 of PA 123 of 2007**

## **I. Healthy Homes Section Fiscal Year 2007 Achievements**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Housing units inspected for lead</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>2,058*</b>
<b>HUD-funded housing units abated</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,384*</b>
<b>Healthy Michigan Funded housing units abated (new funding)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>MSHDA PIP Loan funded housing units abated (new to program)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>CMI-funded housing units abated (no additional funding)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>338*</b>
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Block-funded housing units abated (no additional funding)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Children under the age of six residing in lead-safe homes</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1,910*</b>
<b>Applications received</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>2,144</b>
<b>Enforcement of Lead Abatement Act of 1998 — Activities</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>336**</b>
<b>Healthy Homes University Home Interventions (Yr 2 of 3)</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>220</b>

\* Since 1996 \*\* Since 2000

<b>Accredited Lead Training Course Programs</b>	<b>New This Year</b>	<b>Currently Available</b>
<b>Lead Inspector Training Programs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Risk Assessor Training Programs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Abatement Supervisor Training Programs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Abatement Worker Training Programs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Clearance Technician Training Programs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Certified Lead Professionals</b>		
<b>Lead Inspector</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>Risk Assessor</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>Abatement Supervisor</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>889</b>
<b>Abatement Worker</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Clearance Technician</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Abatement Project Designer</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Abatement Contractor Companies</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>211</b>

In addition to the above, the following accomplishments have occurred this fiscal year in moving forward to the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning:

The Department received its fourth lead hazard control grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The \$3 million grant will make at least 290 homes in high-risk communities lead safe over the next three years. The target communities for the program are Muskegon, Benton Harbor, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Flint, Lansing, Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, and Pontiac.

The Section's Statewide Field Consultant is operating at full capacity. This position was funded through the Healthy Michigan Funds as the statewide Lead Abatement Ombudsman. Families with lead poisoned children anywhere in the state have access to technical support and funding to address lead hazards within their homes. This position has leveraged \$230,000 from local housing agencies, homeowners and rental property owners toward lead hazard control costs.

For the third year, the MDCH received \$1M in Healthy Michigan Funding to implement Section objectives. Special thanks are in order to the House and Senate for maintaining these dollars in the MDCH appropriations budget. The following accomplishments were made this year as a result:

- \$711,512 in Healthy Michigan Funds was used toward match resources for MDCH's new HUD Lead Hazard Control Program Grant. This match is essential to receiving future awards.
- Healthy Michigan Funds supported the initial database structure and web design for the statewide Lead Safe Housing Registry MCL 333.5474b. The Registry debuted this year at [www.michigan.gov/leadsafe](http://www.michigan.gov/leadsafe) and contains addresses of rental properties that have received lead identification and/or lead hazard control services. There is legislation pending that would change the name of the registry to the Lead Information Registry and expand the data to include owner-occupied information, which would increase the number of addresses listed on the registry from approximately 5,000 to 50,000.
- In partnership with MDCH, \$10,000 in Healthy Michigan Funds was invested in the City of Muskegon for grant writing support. In turn, the City was awarded a \$ 2.1M grant for lead hazard control activities.
- It is estimated on national data that for every dollar spent on lead poisoning prevention and lead hazard control, \$4.50 is saved in special education and health care costs. Much of this child population is Medicaid-enrolled or eligible.

In September of this year, the rules associated with the Lead Abatement Act were updated to correct inconsistencies between Michigan's requirements for the Lead Pre-Renovation Education rule and the U.S. EPA's in order for federal authorization to be obtained to implement this program and accept federal financial assistance.

HHS operates a low-cost lead training program for low- and moderate-income individuals and local health department staff performing home investigations for lead poisoned children. A \$25 co-payment is required to apply for any one of five lead courses. During this year, 70 individuals have been trained. Since the inception of the stipend program, 740 students have received sponsored training by the Healthy Homes Section. The Section will earmark \$30,000 in the new fiscal year, which will allow for training of at least 70 applicants.

MDCH maintains a website that provides valuable information for homeowners, health care providers and lead industry professionals. During this fiscal year, the website has been visited

17,534 times. The website can be accessed at [www.michigan.gov/leadsafe](http://www.michigan.gov/leadsafe). The Section's toll-free telephone number is (866) 691-LEAD.

Through collaboration, MDCH along with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the Wayne County Department of Public Health have made great strides in enforcing the State's Landlord Penalty Law MCL333.5475a. This law requires rental property owners to make their properties lead-safe when lead poisoned child residents are identified in their units. Thirty rental property owners have remediated 50 properties this year.

## **II. Healthy Homes Section Elements**

The Healthy Homes Section provides six primary functions that address the reduction of lead-based paint poisoning and the promotion of healthy homes throughout the State of Michigan. They include the 1) administration of various abatement funds to abate lead-based paint hazards in high risk housing units across the state; 2) public and professional education efforts; 3) the certification of lead inspectors, risk assessors, abatement workers, supervisors, clearance technicians, abatement contractors and the accreditation of training providers; 4) the enforcement of lead professional activities per the Lead Abatement Act; and 5) assist communities in building effective coalitions and obtain grant/foundation funding to address lead poisoning.

### **III. Fiscal Year 2007 Expenditures**

<b>Administrative:</b>	
Certification and Enforcement	<b>\$368,970</b>
Abatement	<b>\$740,385</b>
Healthy Homes University	<b>\$428,326</b>
<b>Laboratory Services</b>	<b>\$52,032</b>
<b>Contracts:</b>	<b>\$811,842</b>
State & Local Site Management	
Abatement Contractors	
Health and Safety Home Installations	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,401,555</b>

### **IV. Fiscal Year 2007 Funding Allocations Available**

❖ Healthy Michigan Funds	<b>\$491,000</b>
❖ HUD (Lead/Healthy Homes)	<b>\$1,382,100</b>
❖ EPA	<b>\$507,000</b>
❖ Program Revenue	<b>\$254,300</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,634,400</b>